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For: PARTICULATE WATER ) Confirmation No.: 5041  
RETAINING MATERIAL FOR )  
CULTIVATING PLANT HAVING )  
WATER ABSORBENT RESIN AS )  
MAIN COMPONENT )

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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action issued April 5, 2010, and in further response to the Official Action (final rejection) issued on November 16, 2009, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. Amendments to the claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins at page 2 of this paper. In addition, Applicants' remarks begin at page 8 of this paper.

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